

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.75
Historic Name:	Higgins, A. - Harding, Henry House
Common Name:	
Address:	350 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	08-144
Year Constructed:	r 1870
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

EAS. 75

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Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

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USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

75

Town

Eastham



Neighborhood or village)

350 Massasoit Road

Name

Present

Residential

Original

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Construction

Between 1858 & 1880

See Bibliography*

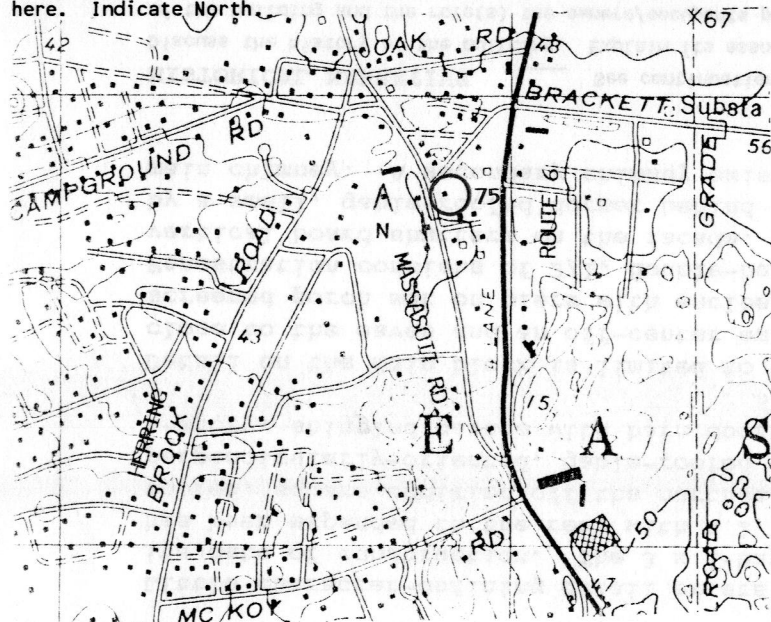
Form

Center-chimney, Side-gable
House Form

Builder

Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Attached Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.46 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area at the SE corner of Brackett and
Massasoit Roads.

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej
and Sanford Johnson
Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: August 1995

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BUILDING FORM

350 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Little character-defining detail exists on this house to assist in determining its date of construction. The 3 x 1-bay, rectangular, side gable, main block has been expanded to the rear with a 2, small appendages: a 1-story, flat-roofed, square addition off the northeast corner and a 1-story, gable-roofed, perpendicularly-oriented, gable-roofed ell that attaches a single bay, 1-story, shingled garage with barn doors.

Detail on the main block is limited to end boards, boxed, plain cornice set close to the eaves and an off-center entry with plain trim. A full-width, screened porch set on piers with enclosed rail shelters the facade. Fenestration consists of 2/1, double-hung sash with plain trim and open vertical board shutters on the facade. The front slope of the roof is broken by a small, gable-roofed dormer behind which, at the ridge line, is the main chimney. A secondary chimney exists on the rear ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

No deed research on this property is on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. Utilizing local maps, it appears the house at 350 Massasoit Road was built between 1858 and 1880. On the Eastham map of the latter year, the property is ascribed to "A. Higgins" about whom nothing further is known. By 1901, however, it is apparent that the resident was Henry Harding, a farmer who remained in the house at least between 1901 until 1908.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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